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Applicant(s): T. SUZUKI

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Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 2, 7-9,
12, 20, 22 and 23 are amended; claims 5, 6 and 13-19 are
canceled; claims 3, 4, 10, 11 and 21 are maintained; and
claims 24-31 are added.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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